NORTH BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP | MINUTES....

REGULAR MEETING October 11, 2022

A regular meeting of the North Brunswick Township Council was held on Tuesday, October 11, 2022 (Via Go to Meeting and Live) at 7:01 pm in the North Brunswick Board of Education Meeting Room at Linwood School, 25 Linwood Place, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey.

Council President Davis called the meeting to order.

Roll call:

Present: Ms. Guadagnino, Messrs. Mehta, Andrews, Socio and Davis

Absent: Ms. Hutchinson

Ms. Russo announced that the notice requirements of the law have been satisfied. Notices were sent by certified mail on December 30, 2021 to the following:

a) The Home News Tribune b) Star Ledger c) North Brunswick Sentinel

Notice receipts are on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office. Also, notices were posted on the doors at the Municipal Complex and filed in the Municipal Clerk's Office.

Council President Davis lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Proclamation:

"Breast Cancer Awareness Month"

WHEREAS, October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, October 21, 2022 is National Mammography Day; and

WHEREAS, breast cancer is the most common cancer among women, except for nonmelanoma skin cancers; and

WHEREAS, breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in women; and

WHEREAS, about 1 in 8 women (about 13%) in the United States will develop invasive breast cancer over the course of her lifetime. In 2022, an estimated 287,850 new cases of invasive breast cancer are expected to be diagnosed, along with 51,400 new cases of non-invasive breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, death rates from breast cancer have been declining, this change is believed to be the result of earlier detection and improved treatment; and

WHEREAS, mammography, an x-ray of the breast, is recognized as the single most effective method of detecting breast changes that may be cancer long before physical symptoms can be seen or felt.

NOW THEREFORE, WE the Mayor and Council of the Township of North Brunswick, Do Hereby Proclaim., October as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month and join the entire community in supporting early detection and working towards a cure.

Jill Andrews read the proclamation on Breast Cancer Awareness and spoke about her early detection. MRI's & Mammograms are very important. Early detection is key. Jill lost her mother to Breast Cancer.

Councilman Andrews thanked his daughter Jill for being here and also, spoke about the importance of early detection. Mr. Andrews lost his wife to Breast Cancer.

Also present: (Via Go to Meeting and Live) Township Attorney Ron Gordon, Business Administrator Justin Progebin, Director of DPW Eric Chaszar, Director of DPRCS Lou Ann Benson, Director of Community Development Michael Hritz, Clerk Lisa Russo and Administrative Secretary Marilu Ruiz.

Council President Davis asked council members if any items are to be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Council President Davis called for a motion to approve items 6a to 6i on the consent agenda. Motion made by Mr. Socio to approve items 6a to 6i on the agenda, second Mr. Andrews.

Roll call:

Present:

Ms. Guadagnino, Messrs. Mehta, Andrews, Socio and Davis

Absent:

Ms. Hutchinson

Consent Agenda

- a. 293.10.22 Item of Revenue in Budget (Chapter 159): 2022 Bullet Proof Vest partnership Reimbursement
- b. 294-10.22 Authorizing the acceptance of the Sale of Auctioned Abandoned Motor Vehicles
- c. 295-10.22 Authorizing the Award of Contract to Maaco East Brunswick and Elizabeth Truck Center for Auto Body Collision Repairs
- d. 296-10.22 Authorizing Private Improvements Bond Releases for 3H Real Estate Investments, LLC
- e. 297-10.22 Authorizing a PSA with Steven D. Altman with the firm Benedict and Altman to serve as Special Police Defense Counsel for Badaway Badaway in defense of a lawsuit filed by Tyesha Brockington
- f. 298-10.22 Authorizing the issuance of Requests for Proposals for Professional and Consulting Services for Calendar Year 2023
- g. 299-10.22 Authorizing execution of memorandum of Agreement No. 4 between the Township of North Brunswick and American Water for the 2002 2022 Water Services Management and Maintenance Agreement for the Township's Water Treatment and Distribution System
- h. 300-10.22 Authorizing a Request to Extend the New Jersey Department
- i. 301-10.22 Payment of Bills

Council President Davis called for a motion to approve item <u>7a</u> on the agenda <u>Approval of Special</u> <u>Council Meeting Minutes September 12, 2022</u> so moved by Ms. Guadagnino second by Mr. Andrews.

Council President Davis called for a motion to approve item 7b on the agenda Approval of Regular Council Meeting Minutes September 19, 2022 so moved by Mr. Mehta second by Mr. Andrews.

Ordinances/Second Reading/Public Hearing:

22-25 – An Ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 334 Vehicles and traffic of the Code of the Township of North Brunswick authorizing the Police to enforce Title 39 of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Code in Commerce Center

Council President Davis opened the Public Hearing. No comments from the public.

Council President Davis called for a motion to close Public Hearing so moved by Ms. Guadagnino second by Mr. Socio.

Roll call:

Present:

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Absent:

Ms. Hutchinson

Council President Davis called for a motion to adopt Ordinance #22-25 So moved Mr. Socio second by Mr. Andrews that Ordinance #22-25 approved on second and final reading and referred to the Mayor for his action and then published in the October 13, 2022 issue of the Home News Tribune according to the Law. This ordinance is posted in the Municipal Complex, 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey and copies are available upon request.

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Reports from Mayor, Council, Administrator, CFO

Ms. Guadagnino announced the Free Cannabis Education Session for North Brunswick Township Senior Citizens on Tuesday, November 15th at 1:00 pm 15 Linwood Place. To sign up call 732-418-2222 or for any questions call Lou Ann Benson at 732-247-0922 ext. 475

Mr. Socio announced the 40th Annual Heritage Day on October 15, the Mat Raider Wrestling program and the adult yoga for more information call 732-247-0922 ext. 475 or visit our website at www.northbrunswicknj.gov

Council President Davis Wished the Mayor and First Lady Carol everyone's condolences for the loss of her brother.

Lisa Russo announced that the election ballot box at 710 Hermann Road is opened for mail in ballots until November 8th 8pm.

Mr. Andrews spoke on Breast Cancer early detection and the importance of getting checked. His daughter Jill was diagnosed at an early stage.

Mr. Mehta announced that Wednesday Oct. 12th Flu Shots will be given at the Senior Center. If anyone is interested in helping shovel in the winter months to help the seniors please contact the senior center.

Council President Davis opened the Public Hearing.

Resident Anthony "Tony" Nastus stated that he had received a letter from Code Enforcement and had questions about it. Director Hritz explained the letter and the violations on the properties that Mr. Nastus had brought to the attention of the governing body in reference to unregistered vehicles, home repairs, overgrown grass, trees, etc.

Mr. Nastus had a suggestion for the Township to contact an outside vendor & put a lien on the property if the home owners are not responding to the violations.

Mr. Hritz explained that in the past 18 months his staff has issued hundreds of violations for property maintenance.

Council President Davis told Mr. Nastus that Director Hritz is working on all of his concerns.

Township Attorney Ron Gordon explained that this is an administration that does its best that it can and will continue to do the best that it can.

Council President Davis told Mr. Nastus that the Township will follow-up with him.

Council President Davis called for a motion to close Public Hearing, so moved by Mr. Socio second by Ms. Guadagnino.

Council President Davis called for a motion to adjourn the meeting so moved by Mr. Andrews second by Mr. Socio.

Adjourn 7:54 pm

Lisa Russo Municipal Clerk

PROCLAMATION

By Mayor and Council – Township of North Brunswick

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Francis M. Womack III,

Mayor

Bob Davis,

Council President

Lisa Russo, Township Clerk

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